

The State Gas Tax impact on:



State Park System Roads  
Snowmobile Program  
Boating Infrastructure

# Uses of State Gas Tax Funds by the Division of Parks and Recreation

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- ▣ Snowmobile Gas Tax Transfer  
\$351,000 (FY2008)
- ▣ Motor Boat Fuel Gas Tax Transfer  
\$1,487,000 (FY2008)
- ▣ DOT/GFP Cooperative Road Program  
\$2,000,000 (FY1982-2008)  
\$654,000 (FY2009)  
\$500,000 (FY2010)

# Snowmobile Gas Tax

## SDCL 10-47B-149

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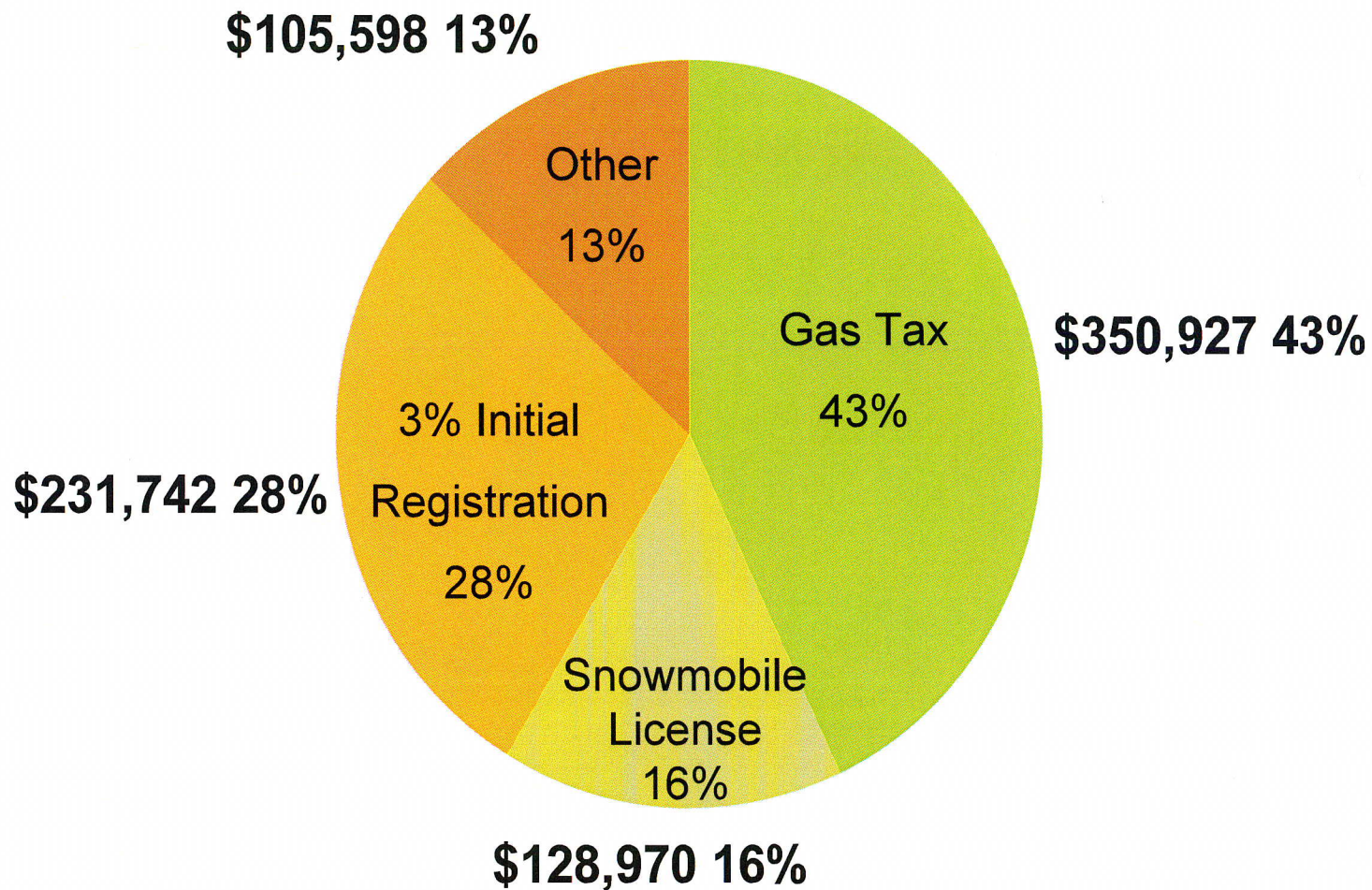
- Each July transfer an amount to the snowmobile trails' fund equal to the product of multiplying the number of licensed snowmobiles as of July first, times one hundred twenty-five gallons, times the rate of tax provided for motor fuel under this chapter.
- FY08: 12,761 licensed snowmobiles x 125 gal. x .22 tax rate = \$351,000



# Snowmobile Program Revenue Source FY2008

**Total: \$817,237**

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# Snowmobile Program Gas Tax Formulas

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- ❑ 15 Snowbelt states transfer portion of gas tax to Snowmobile Program
- ❑ North Dakota, Wyoming, Minnesota and Montana dedicate portion of gas tax to snowmobile program
- ❑ Formulas all vary  
(Minnesota transfers 1% of Gas Tax to Snowmobile Program)



# 1,605 Miles of Snowmobile Trails in South Dakota – 2008/2009 winter

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# South Dakota

## Snowmobile Grant-in-Aid Program

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	miles		miles
▣ Aberdeen	60	Northeast	105
▣ Milbank	65	Webster	110
▣ Faulkton	68	Brookings/White	123
▣ Beresford	70	Poinsett	123
▣ Huron	73	Clear Lake	124
▣ Redfield	76	De Smet	161
▣ Sioux Falls	97		



# Northeast Trailblazers

## Sisseton, SD

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# Snowmobiling's Big Business in the Black Hills

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- Trail system is consistently rated one of the top snowmobiling destinations in North America
- Snowmobilers spend millions each year for food, gas, lodging, entertainment, and equipment
- Over 50% of snowmobilers in Black Hills are non-residents
- Creates jobs











# Black Hills Snowmobile Trails

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# Motorboat Fuel Tax

## SDCL 10-47B-149(5)

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- ▣ Transfers gas tax annually to Division of Parks and Recreation based on number of licensed boats  $(48,506) \times 140 \text{ gallons} \times \text{tax (22 cents)} = \$1,494,000 \text{ (FY09)}$



# Motorboat Fuel Tax

SDCL 10-47B-151

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- ▣ Declares it is policy of this state to use Motor Boat Fuel Tax to improve boating facilities

# Motorboat Fuel Tax

## SDCL 10-47B-152

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- States that the Motor Boat Fuel Fund can be used for:
  - Acquisition of boat landing sites
  - Boating Infrastructure
  - Treatment of water and pollution in waterways
  - Marine Facilities
  - Public waste water systems/lake side sanitary district hookups
  - Maintenance of Boating facilities



# Motorboat Fuel Tax Formulas

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- ❑ 31 states transfer portion of Gas Tax to boating access fund
- ❑ Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota and Montana dedicate portion of Gas Tax for boating
- ❑ Formulas all vary  
(Minnesota transfers 1.5% of total gas tax revenue to boating)



# Motor Boat Fuel Fund Boating Infrastructure

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# Statewide Boating Structures Inventory

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- ❑ 291 boat ramps
- ❑ Over 300 boat docks
- ❑ 9 marinas





# Public Waste Water Systems

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- ❑ 118 comfort stations
- ❑ 429 vault toilets
- ❑ Sanitary System Infrastructure
- ❑ Sanitary district hookups

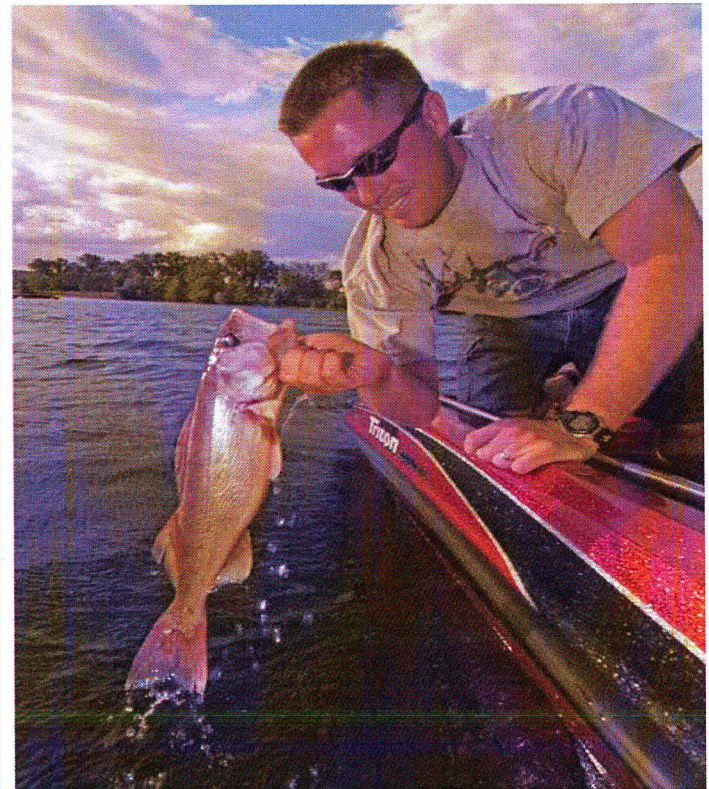




# Economic Activity associated with Boating and Fishing

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▣ Retail Sales	\$153,677,000
▣ Jobs	2450
▣ State & Local Tax Revenue	\$15,296,000

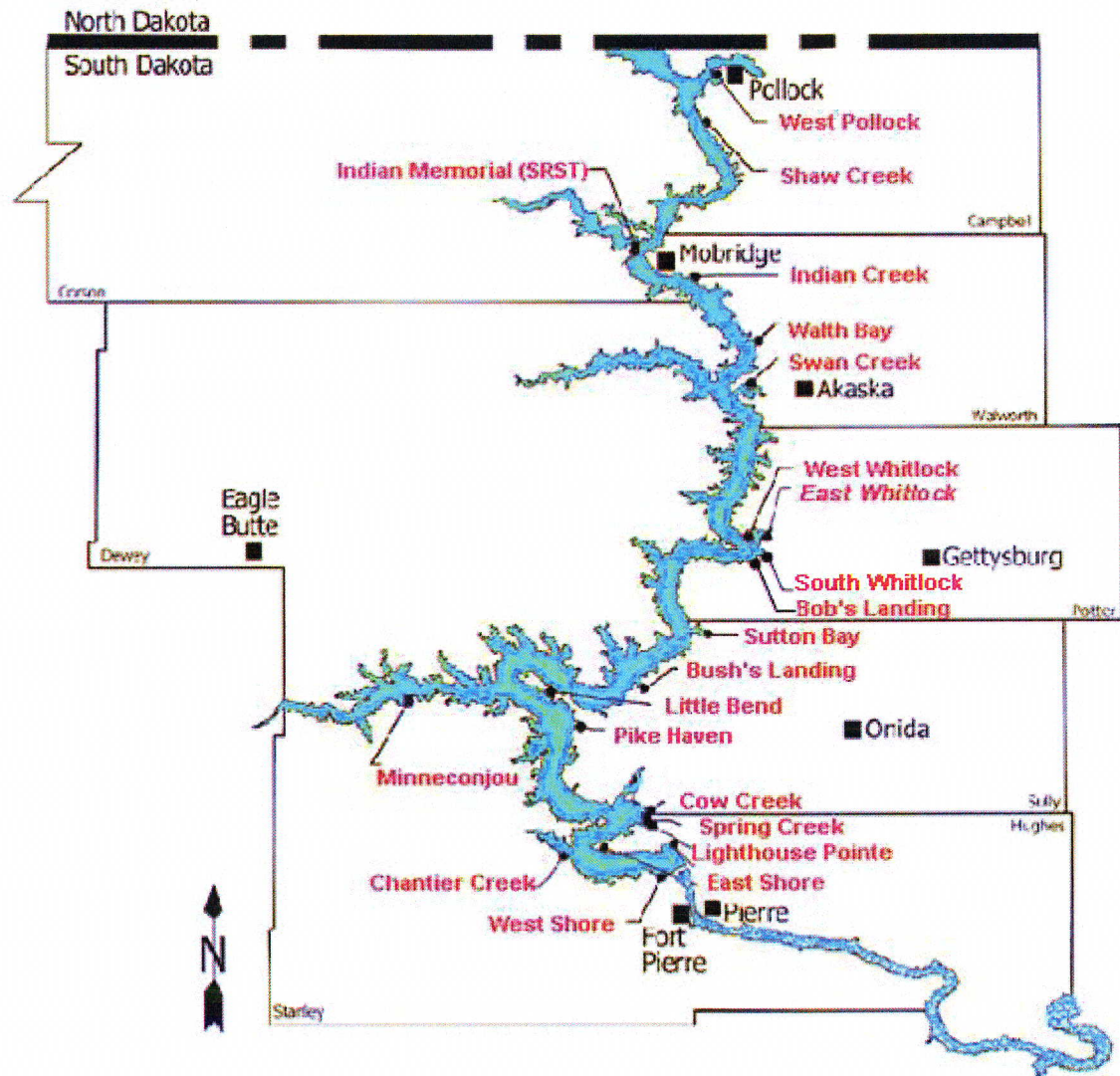




# Challenges and Opportunities

## Lake Oahe Boat Ramps

- ❑ Currently 21 boat ramps are usable
- ❑ GFP has expended over \$4 million since 2003 to extend ramps and construct new low water ramps on Lake Oahe.





# Ongoing challenges

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# State Park System

## Road Funding

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- ❑ Until 1984, park road funding was authorized as part of the Scenic and Perimeter Road Program.
- ❑ The Scenic and Perimeter Road Program was repealed by the Legislature in 1984 based on completion of SD 1804 and SD 1806.
- ❑ In 1984 the DOT Commission established the annual funding to the DOT/GFP Cooperative Road Program at \$2 million.
- ❑ The use of the funds was later broadened to allow expenditure on improvements to county and township “connector roads.”



# State Park Road System

- ▣ 181 miles of interior park paved roads





# State Park Road System

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- ▣ 128 miles of interior park gravel roads





# State Park Road System

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- In addition to the roads within the state park areas, Game, Fish and Parks has historically cooperated with counties and townships to improve and maintain 151 miles of access roads that most directly connect state park areas to the state highway system.



# State Park Road System

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Paved Roads – 181 miles  
Gravel Roads – 128 miles  
21 Vehicle Bridges

309 miles of park roads  
151 miles of “Connector Roads”  
460 Total Miles



# Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP)

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Identifies State Park System Road Needs

**Construction Year**

**2010 = \$4,969,000**

**2011 = \$3,338,500**

**2012 = \$4,057,000**

**2013 = \$2,132,000**



# Randall Creek Recreation Area

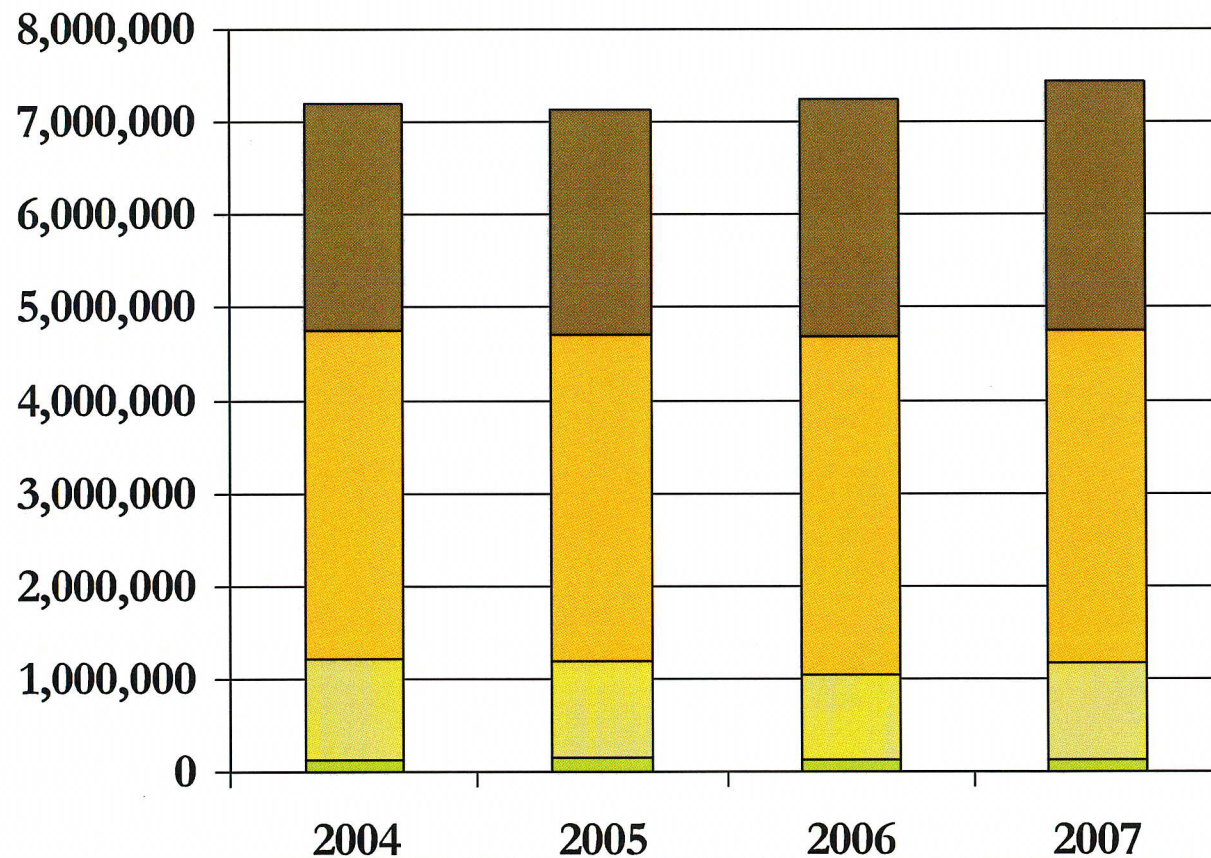
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# Visitation



## Average gas price

2004 - \$1.86

2005 - \$2.28

2006 - \$2.57

2007 - \$2.84

■ Nature Area Totals ■ Lakeside Use Area Totals ■ Recreation Area Totals ■ State Park Totals